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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 3rd/April, through Sunday, 10th/April there were 229 countries active. Countries available: 1S, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3A, MONACO (Special Event). Look for members of the Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club (CERAC) and the Amateur Radio Association of Monaco (ARAM) to be active as **3A0CE** between **May 4-8th**. Activity is to celebrate the **Council of Europe's anniversary**, as well as the admission of **Monaco** as the **46th member of State in the Council of Europe**. QSL via F5LGF.

3B8, MAURITIUS. Mart, DL6UAA, will once again be active as **3B8MM** between **mid-April through possibly May 10th**. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau. Visit his Web page at: <http://www.dl6uaa.com>.

4X/4Z, ISRAEL (Special Event). The "**2005 Holyland Contest**", organized by the Israel Amateur Radio Club, will be held on Saturday, **April 16th**, from 0000-2359z, on both CW and SSB. It will provide a good opportunity to work many 4X/4Z stations toward the "Holyland Award". Full details are available on the Web page (under contests) at: <http://www.iarc.org>. The Contest Manager is Mark, 4Z4KX (E-mail: 4z4kx@iarc.org>).

9K, KUWAIT. With the help of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society (KARS), operator David, M0AYL, has obtained a licence and will be operating as **9K2/M0AYL** beginning **April 28th**. His length of stay and activity is not sure, but very long. In addition to KARS's help, they have also offered him an open invitation to their Society HQ and shack. He will be active regularly on the "Royal Signal Amateur Radio Society's" (RSARS) recommended calling frequencies and Nets. Visit the RSARS Web page for information on their activities at: <http://www.rsars.org.uk/rsarsqrg.htm>.

A52, BHUTAN. You still have a few more days to work Stig, 9N7JO, as **A52JO** until **April 12th**. He had a very nice signal on 17 meters SSB around 1430z. QSL via 9N7JO.

ANTARCTICA NEWS. The Mediterraneo DX Club reports that the Antarctica Award has issued their 100th certificate to Piero Marino, **IT9ZGY**, one of the leading DXers in Italy. Visit the following Web pages for more details: MDXC - <http://www.mdxc.org/antarctica/award.asp> and IT9ZGY - <http://www.qsl.net/it9zgy/biografy.html>.

C6, BAHAMAS. Duncan, EA5ON, will once again be active from **Freeport** as **GM7CXM/C6A**. Expected dates are from **May 26-30th**. As in previous years this will be a business trip. However, Duncan hopes to be fairly active on 80-10 meters, mostly on SSB but also some digitals. He may also try to participate in the **CQWW WPX CW Contest**. The IOTA reference is **NA-080 (Grand Bahama Island)**. QSL via EA7JX.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND (URL Correction). The correct URL for the Sable Island DXpedition Web page is: <http://www.wb8xx.com/sable/>.

DX0, SPRATLY ISLANDS. Eddie, DU1EV, informs OPDX that he is back in Manila as of last Thursday. However, Gil, 4F2KWT is still operating from **DX0K** and is waiting for the next available trip back home. He has been operating six meters into JA and HL last Thursday and Friday. Gil shall be DXing until the plane arrives, which is of an uncertain date. Eddie mentions that this time around the antenna for HF is just a dipole, but they used a 500 watt ALS 500. QSL DX0K via 4F2KWT.

E-MAIL UPDATES. Bob Schenck, N2OO/9M6OO, suggests that (Just a thought..) once in awhile everyone out there should check their E-mail addresses listed on QRZ.com and HAMCALL.net to make sure it is current. It is truly amazing how many are dead E-mail accounts which cause bounced messages. (Just a thought..... ed. A good thought Bob!)

FM, MARTINIQUE. Operators Berthold/DF5WA and Gunter/DF7GB are expected to be active now as **homecalls/FM**. Their length of stay is unknown. No QSNs have been reported as this was being typed. Their expected activity is to be on all HF bands, and possibly 160 meters if the location is suitable, using mostly CW but also some SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL to their home call signs.

FT5XO DXPEDITION WRAP-UP. The Microlite Penguins DXpedition Team sent out a wrap-up press release early last week. OPDX InterNet subscribers will receive the complete release as an additional bulletin. Excerpts from the press release indicate that the DXpedition to the Kerguelen Islands lasted for 11.5 days and netted almost 68,000 QSOs using the callsign FT5XO. QSO break down is as follows: CW 45687 (68%), SSB 19903 (29%), RTTY 2358 (3%) and EME 6. The total was 67954.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN (Update). Some members of the Radio Club Tivadar Puskas (HA5KHC) will once again go here for a week between **May 14-21st**. Their QTH will be at Chalet Wanni (JN47SD), **Masescha** 1350m ASL. The operators are: Laci/HA5MA, Pisti/HA5OJ, Ed/HA5BWW, Karl/HA7PC. Operators will sign **HB0/homecall**. Their equipment: FT-990 + 400 watts PA, FT-1000MP MARK V., dipoles for 160 and 80 meters, and verticals for 40-10 meters including the WARC bands, too. On 2 meters they will try to do something with a FT-100 and an IC-271+1 kW PA and 9 el Yagi. (maybe some WSJT will do too) All QSLs can go to the operators' home addresses or via the HA QSL Bureau.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-151.** Operator Fan, BA1RB, will be active as **BA1RB/2** from **Ju Hua Island, May 1-4th**. QSL via EA7FTR.
- **EU-008.** Members of the South Chesire ARS will be active as **GM6TW** from the **Isle of Jura** (IOSA NH-21 and SCOTIA CS-28), **April 16-23rd**. Operators mentioned are: Pete/G4RRM, Chris/G0RDK, Ken/M0DQS and Geoff/2E0UNI. Activity will on 160-20 meter CW, SSB and some digital modes. The main frequency will be 14260 kHz. Other suggested frequencies are:
 - **SSB** - 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 7055 and 3755 kHz
 - **CW** - 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10115 and 3530 kHzNo specific frequency has been announced for 40 meters CW, but it is recommended that operations should include a frequency above 7025 kHz where the band is open to North America. QSL via G0UZP (QRZ.com).
- **EU-023.** Mathias, DL4ZJ, will be active as **9H3ZJ** from **Gozo Island, Malta, May 3-13th**. Look for him on CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign.
- **EU-029.** Stefan, DB3LSP, will be active as **OZ/DB3LSP** from **Sjaelland Island** (DIA SJ-001 for the Danish Islands Award), **May 1-14th**. Activity will be mainly CW, but he will also use SSB and PSK-31. QSL via his home callsign.
- **EU-038.** Alfons/ON4AWT, Hugo/ON4CF, Geoffrey/ON6JK, and Stefan/ON4OSA will be active as **PA/homecall** from **Texel Island, April 15-17th**. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters SSB, with some digital modes. The Texel/Eierland lighthouse (WLH PA-004, ARLHS ARLHS NET-024 and WLOTA L-0003) will also be activated. QSL via their home callsigns direct (QRZ.com), bureau is preferred.
- **EU-048.** Francois, F5JNE, will be active from **Belle Ile (AT015)** from **May 16-24th**. During this stay, he has also scheduled to be active from the **Poulains Island and Lighthouse** (AT-089, WLOTA: 0872, ARLHS: FRA-059, TWLH: F-058 and PB 066) on **May 17th and 19th**. Activity will be mainly on 40 and 20 meters, CW and SSB. QSL via the Bureau or direct (+ Postage) to: Francois Robert, 4 rue d'Orbandelle, F89000 Auxerre, FRANCE.
- **EU-056.** Operators Trond/LA9VDA, Bjorn/LA5UKA and Andreas/LA8AJA will be active from **Gossen Island, April 15-18th**. Activity will be on 80-15 meters, CW and

SSB with some RTTY. QSL via QRZ.com.

- **EU-070.** Operators Laurent/F5MNK, Eric/F5LOW, Fabrice/F5NBQ, Jacky/F5OIU, Bertrand/F6HKA, Jean Philippe/F4EEK and Christian/F1SDQ will be active as **TM0L** from **Levant Island** (DIFM ME-12), **May 21-28th**. Activity will be on 160-2 meters on CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31. QSL via F5OIU.
- **EU-086.** Alex, RX3AJL, will activate some islands in the Kara Sea (**Vaygach Island** [RR-0601/EU-086] and **Tsinkovy** and **Karpovy** Islands [RRA new ones]), **April 12-22nd**. Activity will mainly be on 20 meters with 5 watts (100 watts possibly on the new ones). QSL via his home callsign.
- **EU-125.** Operators Siggi/DL1AZZ, Peter/DL4AMK, Lutz/DL3ARK and possibly others will be active as **OZ/homecall** from **Mandoe Island** between **April 30th and May 7th**. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, 6 meters and on **May 3rd** 144 MHz in the **NAC Contest**. QSL via the bureau to their home callsigns.
- **EU-127.** Operators Olaf/DL4HG, Andreas/DL7AT, Joachim/DH9JK, Thorsten/ DG7TG, Andreas/DG3XA and Karl/DJ5KK will be active as **DF0CB Helgoland Island** (GIA N-14), **April 15-17th**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using a dipole and a 20 meter GP, with 100 watts. QSL via DF0CB (QRZ.com).
- **NA-067.** Chris, K2HVE, will be active from **Hatteras** and **Okacroke** Island, NC, as well as the **Cape Hatteras Lighthouse** (USA-119), from **April 11-15th**. Activity will be QRP on 40/20/15 meters as time permits. QSL via operator's instructions.

JD1, OGASAWARA ISLAND. Operators Joe/JR1AGC and Nobuyoshi/JH1WCD will be active as **JD1BLZ** and **JD1BLW**, respectively, from here, **May 5-8th**. Activity will be on 80-6 meters, (focusing on 17 and 15 meters.), using mainly SSB. QSL requests should be sent to their home callsigns via the bureau or direct.

KH7K, KURE ISLAND (Update). It was announced this past week that Ann, WA1S, has been added to the DXpedition to Kure Island **K7C (OC-020)** in **September and October 2005**. It is #10 on the DXCC most wanted list in the world. More information can be found on their Website at: <http://www.cordell.org/htdocs/KURE/>.

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. John/K3CT and his wife Susan/N3DVF will be vacationing and operating from **St. Croix** between **April 19-26th**. They will be able to operate on all bands CW and SSB. The callsigns will be **KP2/K3CT** and **KP2/N3DVF**. QSL both callsigns via K3CT, either direct or by the bureau.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY. Dov, 4Z4DX, will be active as **4Z4DX/LH** from the **Jaffa Lighthouse** (ARLHS reference ISR-005), **April 16-17th**. QSL direct to his home calsign or e-QSL. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. See Dov's Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/4z4dx/>.

P4, ARUBA. Operators Gerard/KE9I (**P40QX?**), Eric/K9GY (**P40GY?**), Mike/AJ9C (**P40C?**), Phil/N9LAH (**P4/homecall**) and Nancy/KB9NSC will be here August 6-20th. They will be active in the **WAE CW Contest** (possibly as **P40QX** in remembrance of Leo/N9QX who passed away this year [father of KE9I]).

PIRATE ALERT. David, VK2CZ, reports that the station signing **VK9XX** during the **CQ WPX SSB Contest** was a **PIRATE** and not operating on Christmas Island. Any beam headings or recordings, please forward directly to David. The real VK9XX is off air until the end of the year. David's E-mail address is: k3hz@ieee.org.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **5X1GS QSL STATUS.** If you are wondering where your QSL is for Graham, 5X1GS, for a QSO from October or November 2004, his QSL Manager Bob, WB2YQH, reports there is a problem in not receiving the logs for that period or any time after. He has tried several attempts to contact Graham by E-Mail, and no reply has come back. He even had a UK station who needed a card find him again and relay the need for sending the logs to WB2YQH. The last time logs were delayed was due to Graham's work schedule out in the bush away from his Kampala location. One other time his telephone wire connection was stolen, and he could not E-mail until it was replaced. Please be patient. If you happen to contact Graham on the bands, ask him to send his logs to WB2YQH as soon as possible to reply to the backlog. Logs are on hand up to September 12, 2004. Also, all logs are available for Graham's other call signs, 5Z4GS and VP2MGG.
- **FSDXA QSLING STATUS.** Don Field, G3XTT, FSDXA Publicity Officer, reports the following: "The Five Star DXers Association is pleased to announce that all 9M0C, D68C and 3B9C logs are now on LoTW. This has taken longer than originally anticipated due to some problems in uploading the very large logs (the D68C log alone was 30MB of data). FSDXA has 387,279 QSOs loaded to LoTW, making us probably the biggest single LoTW user. Of these QSO records, there are 30,916 matches against other LoTW logs. Interestingly, and perhaps a reminder that LoTW is by no means an alternative to paper QSLing, but rather a complement to it, we have received proportionally as many traditional QSL requests for 3B9C as we had for D68C at the same stage. To date, we have confirmed 80,413 3B9C QSOs direct and via the bureau, including electronic requests made via our Web page. We are fully up to date with QSLs requests received."
- **NEW QSL MANAGER.** Frank, EA5RD, is the new QSL Manager for **CX1BAC**.
- **QSL SP0PAPA** via SP3IQ. Activity by the Polish Amateur Radio Society (PZK) and the SP DX Club to commemorate the pontificate of John Paul II, the Pope.

S9, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE. By the time you read this, Tono, EA9CP, should be active from here **until April 17th**. As of presstime, his call sign is unknown. He will be active on 10, 15 and 20 meters SSB only, and will transmit also from **Sao Sebastiao Lighthouse** (ARLHS SAO-002). QSL will be via EA9CP/1, via the bureau or direct. (Also see TI below).

SILENT KEY. Well known DXer **Stuart "Stu" Greene**, became a Silent Key (SK) last week. Many may remember working Stu from the following locations: 6Y, DL, G5, KH5J, KH5K, KH5P, KP1, KP5, PY0 and SM. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to Stu's family and friends.

SPECIAL EVENT (Visalia DX Convention). Look for special event station **N6V** to be active **April 15-16th**, between 1600-0200z, from the **56th annual International DX Convention** in Visalia, California. Convention attendees are invited to operate the station. Activity will be on 14190-14240 kHz during the daytime hours and 7175-7250 kHz during the evenings hours. QSL via operator's instructions, and include an SASE with all QSL requests.

SPECIAL EVENT. Special event station **LZ8IARU** will be active on all bands and modes between **now and December 31st** to commemorate the **80th anniversary of IARU**. Over the past week activity has been on 20 and 30 meters CW. QSL via bureau to LZ1BJ.

SPECIAL EVENT. Industry Canada has issued an authorization to Bob Cooke, VE3BDB, to

operate **May 7-14th** inclusive, using the special event callsign **CF3VEDAY**. The authorization is to mark the opening of the new Canadian War Museum on May 8th, a date that coincides with the 60th anniversary of VE-DAY, which ended World War Two in Europe. The special callsign is historic in that this is the first time that an Amateur Radio callsign having a five-letter suffix has been issued in Canada. VE3BDB and other members of The Wireless Set No. 19 Group will alternate modern equipment with vintage WW II era military radios during the seven-day operation. Full information can be viewed on-line at: <http://www.qsl.net/cf3veday/>.

SPECIAL EVENT PREFIXES (Canada). At the request of Radio Amateurs of Canada, Industry Canada has authorized all Canadian radio amateurs to use special event prefixes for the month of **May, 2005**, to mark the opening of the new **Canadian War Museum** in **Ottawa** on May 8th, coincident with the 60th anniversary of VE Day. The official opening of the new Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, the national capital of Canada, on May 8th, coincides with the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day -- VE Day -- which, on May 8, 1945, officially ended the Second World War in Europe. The year 2005 has been declared "The Year of the Veteran" by the Canadian government in recognition and commemoration of the determination, service and sacrifice of Canada's WW II veterans. Canadian radio amateurs are authorized to use the following special event prefixes during the period May 1-31st, 2005, inclusive:

* CF for VA stations	* CI0 for VY0 stations
* CG for VE stations	* CI1 for VY1 stations
* CH for VO stations	* CI2 for VY2 stations

SPECIAL EVENT. The Panazol Hams and the F6KTW ARC will activate the special event station **TM6PIE** (Peace In Europe) between **May 1-14th**. QSL Manager F6KTW: Chez M. COISNE, 10 rue Rene, DESCARTES 87350 PANAZOL, FRANCE. QSL via the bureau or direct (+ postage).

SPECIAL EVENT (Polish). Look for the following 21 special events stations to be active from Poland between **May 1-15th**. A special "Victor Day Award" is also available. Please see the following Web page for details: http://www.ot25.pzk.org.pl/htm/Victory%20_Day.htm.

3Z1VD by SP1PBW	SN60VD by SP4KSY	HF7VD by SP7FBQ
HF1VD by SP1GZT	HF4VD by SP4ZHT	3Z7VD by SP7PGK
TBA by SP2KAC	TBA by SP5DZC	HF8VD by SP8AQA
3Z2VD by SP2WN	TBA by SP5NZN	3Z8VD by SP8MI
HF3VD by SP3PMA	HF60VD by SP5PSL	HF9VD by SP9KJM
3Z3VD by SP3ZBY	HF6VD by SP6ZDA	3Z9VD by SP9PDG
3Z4VD by SP4KHM	3Z6VD by SP6ZJP	SQ60VD by SP5ZRW

SV5, DODECANESE. Operators Wolfgang/DL3DRN and Joachim/DJ5AA will be vacationing on **Rhodos Island** (EU-001 and WLOTA L-0045), from **May 2-16th**. The callsigns and bands/modes of activity were not provided. QSL via operators' instructions.

TARA SKIRMISH (Digital Prefix Contest). Bill, NY2U, President of the Troy ARA, wants to remind everyone that the "TARA Skirmish" is coming up on **April 16th** between 0000-2400z. The particulars are as follows: Frequencies: 160-6 meters, work stations once per band.

- Categories : High, Low (<100w), Great (<20w), QRP (<5w) and SWL.
- Exchange: Name and Prefix.
- Score: QSOs x WPX prefixes x power multiplier. (High x0.5, Low x1, Great x2 and QRP

x3) Multipliers count once per band.

For more information: http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_dpx_rules.html or send E-mail to (skirmish-manager@n2ty.org).

TI, COSTA RICA. After his S9 operation (see above) Tono, EA9CP, will be in **San Jose**, from **May 29th to June 5th**. As of presstime, his callsign is unknown. He will be active on 10, 15 and 20 meters on SSB only. QSL via EA9CP/1, by the bureau or direct.

TO5G, GLORIOSO ISLAND (DXpedition Postponed!). Dany, F5CW, Technical Coordinator for the 2005 Glorioso DXpedition, announced this past week that the French Army, Navy and Air forces have strongly discouraged the landing of the radio team on Gloriosos at the end of May due to security reasons. The DXpedition has now been **postponed** and is rescheduled until next **October or November 2005**. Dany states, "Even if solar conditions are falling down, this late 2005 period could be better for low bands since noise level will be a bit lower and low absorption will be better for Northern Hemisphere. We are going to meet all our sponsors to ask them their choice, either they can wait for next start and keep their support or they prefer we send back support amount and we ask them again next August. However, we will hold our web site in the current configuration with latest news updated soon. All current sponsors will stay in good place. Be sure we are a bit upset with this situation, but we never give up! We are very confident with the next opportunity." Watch the following Web page (in French) for updates: <http://glorieuses2005.free.fr/index-fr.htm>.

TZ, MALI. The members of the International Amateur Radio Volunteers (IARV) are active as **TZ6U** until **April 13th**. Their activity over the past weekend has been on 20 meters SSB (around 14190 kHz) and 30 meters CW (around 10103 kHz). However, watch other bands. Suggested activity is expected on 160-10 meters meters using CW and SSB. QSL via JA1UT.

WAZ CW AWARD MANAGER. Floyd Gerald, N5FG, wants it publicized that he is the WAZ Manager for CW WAZ Award Program, has been since January 1st, 2004. The former manager, Paul, K5RT, continues (after over one year) to receive applications sent to him. Some even come registered mail which he has to go to the Post Office to sign for. Floyd states that it is time for the applicants to: 1) Use the proper forms. 2) MOST IMPORTANT: Send them directly to him, and not Paul! It would help the people wanting to receive the WAZ Awards to see that they are sending it to the proper manager! There will come a time in the NEAR future that Paul will have to refuse to accept those that come his way. PLEASE help him spread the word that ALL WAZ applications should be sent to ONLY Floyd at: Floyd Gerald (N5FG), WAZ Manager, 17 Green Hollow Road, Wiggins, MS. 39577 USA. Feel free to contact him. Send any questions via E-mail. ALL this info and ALL the correct forms are available for free download from the CQ WAZ Website at: <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/wazrules.html>.

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